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TO AMEMBASSY KABUL PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN DONATION TO KABUL ZOO

REF: KABUL 3900

1. DEPARTMENT HAS LEARNED THAT PANAM HQS NY HAS TURNED DOWN GURNEY'S REQUEST FOR FREE SHIPMENT SMITHSONIAN SPECIMENS TO LONDON OR FRANKFURT. WE ARE EXPLORING OTHER POSSIBLE MEANS OF SHIPMENT, INCLUDING TWA. SHIPMENT VIA MATS EQUALLY PROBLEMATIC SINCE DOD REQUIRES REIMBURSEMENT.

2. IF DEPT WERE TO REQUEST PANAM OR OTHER U.S. CARRIER FOR FREE TRANSPORT (AS SUGGESTED REFTTEL), CAB WOULD REQUIRE THAT WE JUSTIFY ON BASIS OF "OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS CLEARLY OF PARAMOUNT NATIONAL INTEREST." DEPT HAS NOT MADE SUCH REPRESENTATION IN PAST FOR SIMILAR PROJECTS, HOWEVER WORTHY. ON OTHER HAND, WHERE AIR CARRIER IS ASKED BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE SUCH TRANSPORTATION, CAB'S GENERAL POLICY IS TO APPROVE, ON BASIS INTERNATIONAL COMITY, IF CARGO INVOLVED IS SMALL.

3. ZOO OFFICIALS ESTIMATE SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS AS APPROX EIGHT METAL OR WOOD CRATES, ABOUT 66 CUBIC FEET AND 415
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POUNDS. PANAM ESTIMATES TOTAL COST SHIPMENT WASHINGTON-

LONDON APPROX DOLS 1500 AND WASHINGTON-FRANKFURT APPROX

DOLS 2,000. SMITHSONIAN OFFICIALS PREFER TRANSSHIPMENT TO ARIANA BE ACCOMPLISHED IN LONDON WHICH EQUIPPED WITH "ANIMAL PORT" WITH FOOD/WATER FACILITIES. MINIMUM POSSIBLE LAYOVER ALSO PREFERRED.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTED EXPLORE WHETHER ARIANA PREPARED RECEIVE CARGO IN LONDON FOR TRANSSHIPMENT KABUL EITHER OF TWO UPCOMING WEEKENDS PRIOR JULY 17. ALSO ADVISE PRIORITY IF GOA HAS FORMALLY REQUESTED PANAM ASSISTANCE OR WHETHER IT PLANS TO DO SO.

5. DEPT AIR POUCHED JUNE 28 FIVE ZOOLOGICAL WORKS FOR PRESENTATION BY AMBASSADOR AS GIFT FROM SMITHSONIAN. SISCO

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